Gomti Action Plan

6602. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI:
SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the salient features of each of the schemes submitted by U.P. Government in August, 1992 under the Gomti Action Plan and what are the reasons for holding up the projects, and by when these are likely to be approved; and

(b) whether Government have made any budget allocation for any or all of the above projects in 1994, if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) The State Govt. of UP had submitted prefeasibility reports of pollution abatement schemes to be taken up in Lucknow, Sultanpur and Jaunpur under Gomti Action Plan. These reports have since been approved by the Central Govt. The schemes in the towns of Lucknow, Sultanpur and Jaunpur include interception, diversion and treatment of Muncipal waste water, setting up of crematoria, low cost sanitation, river front development, afforestation and public participation. The capital cost of these schemes is to be shared equally by the Govt. of U.P. and the Central Govt.

(b) A provision of Rs. 25 crores has been kept in the budget of the Ministry of Environment & Forests for pollution abatement works under Ganga Action Plan Phase-II which includes the Gomti Action Plan.

Pollution Check Activities in Metropolitan Cities

6603. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item appearing in the Indian Express of the 18th March, 1994 titled "Before you're choked on carbon get a mask";

(b) if so, what is the Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the detailed steps taken by Government with regard to pollution check activities in the most polluted metropolitan cities?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A detailed survey on the status of pollution from automobiles has been conducted by the Central Pollution Control Board; which indicates that the pollution load from vehicles in Delhi is the highest amongst the ten major cities surveyed.

(c) The steps taken to control pollution in the metropolitan cities include the following:

(i) Emission norms for both petrol and diesel driven vehicles have been notified under the Central Motor Vehicles Rules, 1989 and these are under implementation from 1990.

(ii) The Ministry of Surface Transport has advised the various State Transport Directorates to enforce these standards.

(iii) Lead content in petrol have been already brought down to a national average of 0.18 gm/litre. Efforts are being made to reduce the levels even further.

(iv) Public awareness campaigns have been launched on various